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For: FUEL OILS BASED ON MIDDLE DISTILLATES AND COPOLYMERS OF  
ETHYLENE AND UNSATURATED CARBOXYLIC ESTERS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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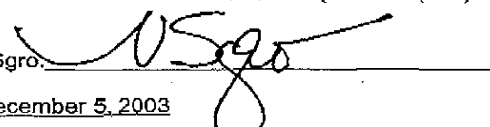
In response to the Office Action mailed July 8, 2003, please reconsider the subject application in view of the following remarks and amendments. A petition for a two-month extension of time accompanies this response.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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